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The regime still is admitting publicly that it has not resolved the problems at the Ziemowit and Piast mines where miners are staging sit-in strikes. It claims that other mines are operating normally. The government apparently is concerned about reports of Polish sailors jumping ship. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] Warsaw radio is transmitting programs in morse code to Polish ships at sea. A Western press report claims that shipyard workers in Szczecin continue to go to work despite the government's attempts to furlough them until 4 January. [REDACTED] 25X1

Polish authorities continue their efforts to return the country to normalcy. The school system, closed since martial law was imposed, will reopen on 4 January. The curfew will be suspended for 24 hours over Christmas to allow the largely Roman Catholic populace to attend mass. [REDACTED] 25X1

Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin told [REDACTED] last week after reports of violence in Gdansk and Silesia that the Politburo had confidence that the Polish regime could handle the crisis itself and there was no chance of a Soviet intervention. The comments clearly aimed at deflecting Western criticism of the USSR also suggest that the Foreign Ministry is expressing confidence that the martial law regime would succeed in controlling unrest. [REDACTED] 25X1

No signs of Soviet preparations for imminent deployment of combat forces were seen in limited overnight photography of areas in the western USSR. [REDACTED] 25X1
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